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To:

**Audit Committee** 

From:

Dave Chittenden

**Chief Deputy Director** 

# REVIEW OF BOARD POLICY NO. 5.015 – TIMELY SUBMISSION OF CONTRACTS FOR BOARD APPROVAL

In conjunction with the Executive Office of the Board of Supervisors and Auditor-Controller, Internal Services Department has reviewed Board Policy 5.015, Timely Submission of Contracts for Board Approval, and is recommending the following changes, which are included in the attached red-line version of the policy:

- Reference Section Add links for the following memorandums:
  - September 7, 2000, "County Policy/Procedures Timely Submission of Contracts for Board Approval" (memo attached)
  - > September 21, 2000, "Policy/Procedures Timely Filing of Contracts for Board Approval" (memo attached)
  - ➤ March 21, 2013, "Revised Retroactive Contract Review Committee Procedures" (memo attached)
- Policy Section Minor edits for clarification and consistency purposes.
- Date Issued/Sunset Date Section Revise the sunset review date to July 19, 2020.

If you have any questions regarding this policy review or recommendations, please contact Yolanda Young at (323) 267-3101, or via email at: <a href="mailto:vyoung@isd.lacounty.gov">vyoung@isd.lacounty.gov</a>.

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#### Attachments

c: Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors Auditor-Controller

Policy #:	Title:	Effective Date:
5.015	Timely Submission of Contracts for Board Approval	09/19/00

#### **PURPOSE**

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Establishes a specific protocol, including advance deadlines, for submission of contracts for Board approval prior to expiration of an existing contract, or prior to the effective date for new contract services, and establishes a process of accountability to ensure compliance.

### REFERENCE

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August 29, 2000, Board Order, Synopsis 97

September 7, 2000, Joint Chief Administrative Officer and Auditor-Controller memorandum to each Supervisor, "County Policy/Procedures - Timely Submission of Contracts for Board Approval"

September 19, 2000, Board Order, Synopsis 70

September 21, 2000, Chief Administrative Officer memorandum to all department heads, "Policy/Procedures - Timely Filing of Contracts for Board Approval"

September 21, 2004, Board Order 14

October 17, 2007. Chief Executive Officer memorandum:—to all department heads, "Retroactive Contract Review Committee-Procedures"

November 5, 2007, Chief Executive Officer memorandum—<u>to each Supervisor</u>, entitled: "Retroactive Contracts"

March 21, 2013, Internal Services Department memorandum to Contract Managers, "Revised Retroactive Contract Review Committee Procedures"

# **POLICY**

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Contracts requiring Board approval must be filed no later than the Board agenda three weeks preceding the last agenda date at which the Board can act prior to expiration of an existing contract, or prior to the contract's effective date. Departments may not accept,

receive or <u>allow contractors to</u> perform such contract services without prior approval by the Board, except a valid contract for services and under specified circumstances, described in the <u>j</u>-joint Chief Administrative Officer (Chief Executive Officer)/Auditor-Controller memorandum of September 7, 2000 to each Supervisor entitled "County Policy/Procedures – Timely Submission of Contracts for Board Approval". The Chief Executive Officer (CEO) will not approve placement of a contract on a Board agenda if it includes a retroactive date, except under specified circumstances (See Joint Chief Administrative Officer (Chief Executive Officer)/Auditor-Controller memorandum of September 7, 2000 to each Supervisor entitled, "County Policy/Procedures—Timely Submission of Contracts for Board Approval").

-Retroactive contracts submitted for Board approval not meeting one of the specified circumstances will be returned to the department for appropriate <u>action</u>. <u>revision of the contract term to have an effective date which is not retroactive</u>. All requests for retroactive contracts and purchase order payments must be reviewed by the Retroactive Contracts Review Committee before they are submitted for Board approval as set forth in the CEO memorandum of October 17, 2007 to all department head entitled, "Retroactive Contract Review Committee—Procedures" Internal Services Department's memorandum of March 21, 2013, "Revised Retroactive Contract Review Committee Procedures".

Departments are required to <u>adequately</u> plan for timely solicitation and development of contracts. Departments <u>must</u> <u>shall</u>update contract information (e.g., new contracts, <u>contract</u> renewals, contract payments, etc.) in eCAPS-<u>at least monthly, and Departmental staff</u> and <u>management are responsible for</u> reviewing the eCAPS Cognos Contract Management Reports monthly to ensure information is properly maintained and to identify contracts nearing expiration. <u>Departments are Departmental staff is</u> also responsible for taking appropriate action to exercise contract extensions and to initiate the <u>bidding solicitation</u> process with sufficient time to ensure the continuation of services and to ensure that contracts do not become retroactive.

#### RESPONSIBLE DEPARTMENT

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**Internal Services Department** 

**Auditor-Controller** 

Executive Office of the Board of Supervisors

## DATE ISSUED/SUNSET DATE

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Issue Date: September 19, 2000 Re-issue Date: September 21, 2004

Re-issue Date: July 19, 2008 Re issue Date: April 19, 2012 Review Date: May 18, 2016 Sunset Review Date: September 19, 2004 Sunset Review Date: September 19, 2008

Sunset Review Date: July 19, 2012 Sunset Review Date: July 19, 2016 Sunset Review Date: July 19, 2020